

Salicylate – Result Unit Change

Orderable: Salicylate [LAB34]

Effective: **9:00am Tuesday October 1st, 2024, blood salicylate reporting units will change from mg/L to mg/dL** at all VCU Health Systems Laboratories (Richmond, CMH, Tappahannock). The new units better align with standard reporting practices.

The numeric value in new units, mg/dL, will decrease by a factor of ten. Examples of the change are shown in the table below.

	NEW units (mg/dL)	OLD units (mg/L)
Therapeutic Interval	15-25	150-250
Abnormal (high)	>25	>250
Critical	>50	>500

For questions, please contact:

- **Pathology Client Services at (804) 828-7284 or Dr. Grace Williams at (804) 628-3684 for the Richmond campus**
- **Dr. Cathy Palmer at (434) 584-5282 for the CMH and Tappahannock locations.**